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1. It was learned [redacted] on 25 September 1954 [redacted]

[redacted] that a directorate of the KVP was to take over the buildings located in the Staff Area of the Karlshorst Compound and the so-called Neue Verwaltung located between Grafenauerweg and Zwieselerstrasse in the Compound. 25X1

2. The above-mentioned buildings in the Staff Area, numbered 1 through 9, and the Neue Verwaltung were cleared by their Soviet occupants on or about 20 August and are now empty, with the exception of [redacted] the former Soviet Communications Center, which is under 24-hour guard while telephone equipment is being installed. Communications equipment under Soviet supervision was removed from the building and transferred, partly to the Embassy building on Unter den Linden (teletype equipment) and partly to Potsdam, Straussberg, and Teltow by truck. 25X1

3. Residential property released by the Soviets west of Dawet Allee was being reserved for occupancy by high-ranking KVP officers. [redacted] the KVP was moving wholesale to Karlshorst from Adlershof, East Berlin. 25X1

4. The released area, now outside the relocated fence of the Soviet compound, was under 24-hour guard, with KVP guards in evidence on the perimeter of the area involved. A new pass system had been introduced by the KVP and the normal Soviet Compound Propusk was not accepted for entry into the Staff Area. 25X1

5. On or about 25 August 1954, five Soviet families moved from Warmbaderstrasse, inside the Karlshorst Compound, to a block of flats formerly used by Soviet officers attached to the Wachbattalion at Treskowallee 94 a, b and c. The 25X1

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flats had been unoccupied but guarded for the preceding two months. Treskowallee 94 a, b and c is a three-story structure with each entrance giving access to from four to six flats. It is located outside the Compound. The five families which moved to this address from their former residences in the Compound have stated to the caretaker of the Treskow Allee complex that their former one-family house in Warmbaderstrasse in the restricted area had been turned over to KVP officers and that 19 more families had to give up their living quarters there to German officials. The Soviets do not like their new quarters in Treskowallee.

6. The guard detachment has been withdrawn from Treskowallee.

7. A German who owned a flat in Dewet Allee, Berlin-Karlshorst, prior to the establishment of the Soviet Compound, was notified in late August 1954 by the

leave in the flat when she moved out on a few hours notice, she was told that its return could not be guaranteed but that other furniture would be provided.

8. A German who works for the Soviets outside the Karlshorst Compound obtained permission to select a flat within the Soviet Compound at Karlshorst. He obtained permission to occupy the flat directly from the Soviet authorities, without reference to the Lichtenberg Wohnungsausschuss, and was told by his Soviet superior that he should move into the Compound now and was given passes for his family to enable them to pass into and out of the compound.

The area bordered by Roemerweg and Dewet Allee up to Zwieseler Strasse is to be released to the German economy.

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